

SHE MAY BUILD BRIDGES.

New York Girl, a City Employee, Is Studying Civil Engineering.

When Lord Byron woke up one morning and found himself famous his feelings must have been somewhat similar to those which Miss Elsie Bittman, of Brooklyn, is now experiencing. Miss Bittman's recent appointment as a topographical draughtsman in the bureau of highways made her suddenly famous, a circumstance which was wholly unexpected by her, and not altogether to her liking.

"I really cannot see," she said to a reporter in her office at the bureau of highways the other day, "what I have done that people should be so interested in me. Of course women don't usually go in for civil engineering, but I am not a civil engineer yet, and the possibility of my ever building bridges or tunnels or skyscrapers is so remote that I have hardly thought about it. I should like to do some practical engineering work, of course, and I will have to before I can get my degree in civil engineering from Cooper Union; but everything is very hard for a woman, and I don't know that I will ever get the opportunity."

"I never really have had any definite aim in the study of engineering. I was always fond of mathematics and when I was graduated from the Brooklyn high school, in 1901, I looked around for some way of continuing these studies. The civil engineering course at Cooper Union seemed to offer the best opportunity."

"No, I wasn't the only woman in the class. For a while I was alone, but afterward a couple of women entered. They had no idea of making any practical use of their knowledge. They only wanted to teach. I am not quite sure whether, if I really do become an engineer, I shall be a pioneer or not. I have been told that there is a woman engineer practicing in some western city—Chicago, I think—but don't know anything definite about her. There is a woman in the department of taxes in Brooklyn who is doing much the same work as I am."

Miss Bittman took the civil service examination for topographical draughtsman last January and was the only woman among 135 candidates. She will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science from Cooper Union in 1906, after passing a final examination in such alluring subjects as dynamics, hydrostatics, electricity and physics. But she cannot get her diploma as a civil engineer until she has been engaged for two years in practical construction.

While studying at Cooper Union Miss Bittman was earning \$750 a year as an engraver in the tene-ment house department, and next winter she will go on studying and attending classes at night while she earns at the rate of \$1,200 a year in the daytime.

"Of course, that is hard work, and takes all my time," she said. "I have no time for social pleasures while school lasts, and I am just as fond of fun as anybody else, in spite of anything the newspapers may say to the contrary; but I like my work, too, and there will be time enough to enjoy myself after I am graduated."

Miss Bittman is only 22 and her strenuous life has not had the effect of making her look any older. Her mathematical ability she inherits from her father, Henry H. Bittman of the bureau of highways, and it is shared by the whole family. Her brother, Walter Bittman, is in the employ of the American Bridge company, and her two younger sisters are both exhibiting an unusual taste and capacity for mathematics.

THE AGENT DIDN'T KNOW.

A Story Of An Editor And a Life Insurance Solicitor.

World's Work.

There are today some thousands of varieties of life insurance policies, each of which has a technical name and is capable of being made quite unintelligible to the average man. Some unscrupulous agents trade on stand the meaning of the terms themselves, but have learned their lesson parrotlike, and most of them apparently find it necessary to describe

in plain English to those about to insure what they are contracting for. The result is a mass of mis-information and confusion about the whole subject.

For instance, an agent was trying to insure an editor on some new plan. The editor had a theory that any fact could be put into plain, everyday English if the man behind the fact really knew what he was talking about. After listening to an involved flow of "premiums," "deferred dividends," "cash surrender values" and "optional choices" he said gravely:

"See here, I don't understand what you're talking about. But I'll tell you what I'll do. If you'll write that proposition out in plain English so that an ordinary man can understand it I'll not only take the policy, but I'll publish the explanation as an article and pay you a hundred dollars for it."

"Will I? Sure I will," exclaimed the overjoyed agent, thinking he had indeed struck an easy job. And he departed adjuring the editor not to forget.

A week passed by. The agent called up on a telephone to say that he was working on the thing. There was less exultation in his voice.

Two weeks more elapsed. The editor had forgotten the whole thing, when the agent's card came in one day followed by the man himself.

"Well," said the editor, "got my article?"

"N-no," said the tagent sheepishly. "The fact is, I guess I can't do it the way you want it, after all. Let's call it off."

It is hardly too much to say that this is typical.

German Students And Drink.

German students are awakening. The following is a translation of an appeal just issued by the Deutsche Verein Abstinenter Studenten:

"For some years a great change has been taking place in the relative status of civilized people in reference to drink.

"While the Latin nations, especially the in-earlier-days-temperate French, are sinking deeper and deeper in the alcoholic epidemic, in Teutonic lands a manly fight has been going on against the degenerating drink customs, and already have the powerful activities of our Anglo-Saxon and northern neighbors attained great success in this direction.

"Germany has as no other land, furnished the scientific weapons for the war of emancipation from alcohol. But in a period in which Sweden and Norway have reduced their consumption to one-fifth part of the earlier consumption and in which the Finns and Canadians have become the most nearly alcohol-free of all civilized peoples, in Germany the consumption has enormously risen and almost as rapidly as in France.

"Brothers, we academic youth must bear a great part of the blame for the alcoholizing of our people. From us flows the false poetry of the beer-drinking student societies into all strata of society.

"Therefore it is not more and more a call of honor to German student idealism to take its place in the burning fight which is coming on? A century ago the German students helped free their land from an oppressor. Other times, other conflicts. The battle which is now on requires both capable contestants and men of high culture. Only a deficient sense of social duty will keep anyone inactive.

"True vigor in the place of impotent beer-heroism which makes us a laughing stock in the world—true and ideal joys in place of the intellect and health-destroying, unclean, drinking club life—these are our aims.

"Contemporary German student social life is in a state of mental impoverishment. It forces individuals against their better tastes into worn ruts. Therefore the adherence of all the thoughtful is needed in order to break the traditional bands. Finer new habits must replace the old worm-eaten ones.

"The vigor now paralyzed in alcohol narcosis must be brought into happy and noble activity in fields of physical exercise, the enjoyment of nature and art, and in participation in the great questions of German life.

"Comrades! Help us break the shackles in which the past and the tyranny of custom hold us. Join with us in the fight for abstinence.

"A vigorous, joyous new time will

then emerge into the light for the German people. Help us break the way!"

Run Away From Home 128 Times.

Skinner Quinlan Schoven, champion boy runaway of Chicago, received six cents the other day to buy meat for his two dogs, Tige and Jack, and remained away for three days. When he returned it was with torn clothing, eyes blackened with fighting, and no shoes, but he told the officers of the Juvenile court today that he had had a "bully time." At present his "wanderlust" is somewhat cooled.

"He began running away when he was three years old," said his mother, "and he has run away 128 times since." He lacks two months of being ten years old.

Judge McEwen decreed that the mother should take him home and deprive him of his clothing for two months, and then he would be sent to the Glenwood School for Incurables.

"I don't believe taking his clothes away will stop him," said the mother.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

State of South Carolina,
County of Newberry.
By John C. Wilson, Esquire, Probate Judge.

Whereas, John L. Thomas hath made suit to me, to grant him letters of administration of the estate of and effects of David Thomas.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said David Thomas, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of probate, to be held at Newberry on Wednesday, August 23rd, next after publication, thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 7th day of August, Anno Domini, 1905.

J. C. Wilson,
J. P. N. C.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF DOGS.

Owners of dogs in the town of Newberry, who have not paid the license tax on dogs for the current year, are notified that the policemen have been instructed to summon them before the Mayor's court for trial for violating the license law.

Geo. B. Cromer,
Mayor.

NOTICE.

The undersigned have been duly qualified as the executors of the last will and testament of Mrs. S. E. Turnipseed, deceased.

All persons indebted to the estate of the said Mrs. S. E. Turnipseed will make payment at once, and all persons having claims against the estate of the said Mrs. S. E. Turnipseed will present the same, duly probated, at once.

Notice is also given that we will make a final settlement on the estate of said deceased, in the probate court for Newberry county, on July 19, 1906, and will immediately thereafter apply for a final discharge as executors of said estate.

George Johnstone.
Joseph H. Hunter.
Executors.

Newberry, S. C.,
July 28, 1905.

Sheriff's Delinquent Tax Sale.

State of South Carolina,

County of Newberry.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION to me directed by Jno. L. Epps, Esqr., Treasurer of Newberry County, I will sell on Monday, the 4th day of September, 1905, (Saleday) at Newberry Court House, the following property, viz:

Lot in town of Helena, assessed to Nancy Edwards, bounded by lot of Nancy Edwards, in Helena, bounded by lots of W. S. Langford, M. L. Wicker, Desoline Bates and Geo. Maffett estate. Tract of Land in No. 3 Township, containing thirty-six acres, more or less, assessed to Laura Prince, bounded by lands of S. P. Crotwell, Richard Thacker, Tom Tete, and Dry Creek.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers and stamps.

Sale of personal property for delinquent taxes will be advertised later.

M. M. BUFORD,
Sheriff Newberry County.
Sheriff's Office, Aug. 14, 1905.

RECORD OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA

GENERAL AGENCY

OF THE

EQUITABLE LIFE

FOR THE FOUR MONTHS ENDING MAY 1, 1905.

New Business actually paid for - - \$973,548.00

Premiums Collected - - - - - 179,126.48

Excess over the same period of 1904 10,949.79

Death Claims paid - - - - - 133,029.20

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF YORK.

Personally appeared before me J. H. Miller, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Cashier of the Branch Office of the Equitable Life, at Rock Hill, S. C., and that the above figures are correct, being taken from the books at the close of business May 1st, 1905.

J. H. MILLER,
Cashier.

Sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1905.

C. L. COBB,
Notary Public.

Under date of May 1st, 1905,

Vice-President Tarbell

Writes:

"The number of policies issued by the Society for the month of April, 1905, is more than one thousand in excess of the number issued in April one year ago. Our actual paid business thus far this year is almost exactly \$5,000,000 ahead of the paid business of the first four months of last year."

MORAL: Insure in the Equitable Life,
The Strongest in the World.

W. J. Roddey, Manager, Rock Hill, S. C.

R. C. BRUCE, Special Agent, Newberry, S. C.

Whiskey Habit, — Morphine Habit, — Cigarette Habit, — All Drug and Tobacco Habits

Cured by Keeley Institute of South Carolina.

329 La dy St. (or O. Box 75) Columbia, S. C. Confidential correspondence solicited.

QUIT COUGHING

There is no need of wearing your Lungs out, when you can get a bottle of Murray's Horehound, Mul-lien and Tar.

A few doses of this Household Remedy will give immediate relief. A positive cure for Influenza, Bronchitis and Diseases of Throat. Anti-Spasmodic in Crup.

THE MURRAY DRUG CO.,
Columbia, S. C.

Out of Date Plumbing is Unhealthy

Plumbing fixtures and systems as made and installed some years ago were very efficient at that time, but so many improvements have been made recently in sanitation that an old plumbing system is not only unsanitary, but is a menace to the health of the occupants of the house in which it is still in use.

Is Your Plumbing Out of Date?



If so, the members of your household are constantly risking their health. Defective plumbing generates germ-bearing sewer gases which pollute the atmosphere and cannot help but be breathed by the occupants. Sewer gas is dangerous and the strongest constitution cannot long withstand its ill effects.

Let us examine the condition of your plumbing, in order to correct defective piping and install the best and most sanitary fixtures made, namely "Standard" Baths and One-piece Lavatories. "Standard" Ware is guaranteed. If this is done, your home will be healthy and more comfortable. Ask for booklet "Modern Home Plumbing."

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C. C. DAVIS, Newberry, S. C.